

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

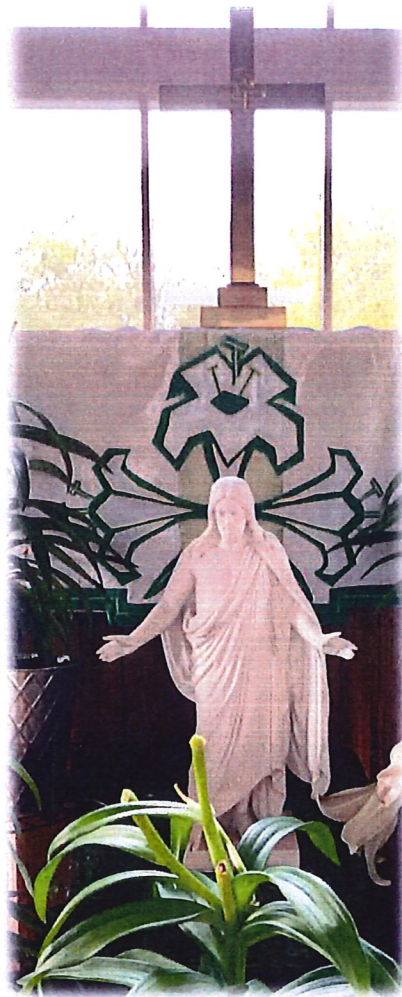
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## AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

*Celebrating Bishops Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany*

Wednesday, April 14, 2021



"Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles  
of fellowship, and show us your  
presence in those who differ most from us, until our  
knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love  
for all your children."

*~BCP #7, page 840*

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**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**  
**6:00 pm**

*The Officiant begins*

*(BCP Page 127)*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* *The maker of heaven and earth.*

*The Officiant may then say*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father:*

*We have sinned against you,*

*through our own fault,*

*in thought, and word, and deed,*

*and in what we have left undone.*

*For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*forgive us all our offenses;*

*and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,*

*to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*Officiant*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*(BCP Page 128)*

*The Officiant then says*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Psalm 119:161-168

(BCP Page 777)

*Officiant and People read in unison.*

*Rulers have persecuted me without a cause,  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.*

*I am as glad because of your promise  
as one who finds great spoils.*

*As for lies, I hate and abhor them,  
but your law is my love.*

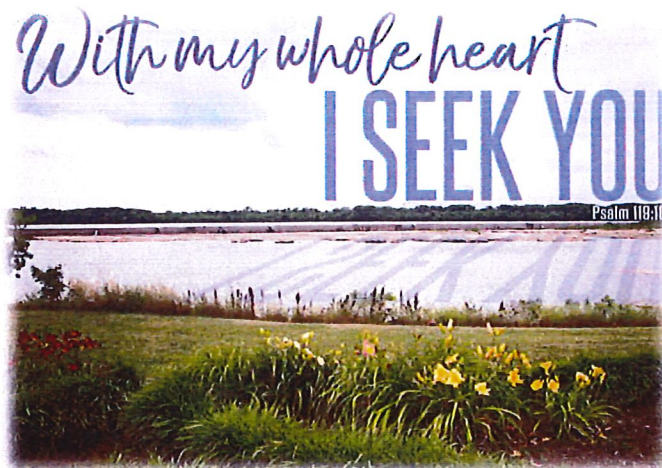
*Seven times a day do I praise you,  
because of your righteous judgments.*

*Great peace have they who love your law;  
for them there is no stumbling block.*

*I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I have fulfilled your commandments*

*I have kept your decrees  
and I have loved them deeply.*

*I have kept your commandments and decrees,  
for all my ways are before you.*



## A Reading from I Thessalonians 2:1-12

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

*Officiant*      The word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## A Reflection

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# Hymn: God Of Grace and God Of Glory

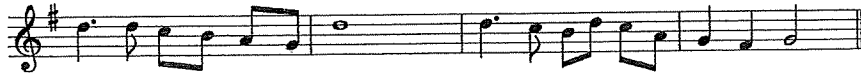
(Hymn #594)



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power; crown thine an - cient  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that  
3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton,  
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore; let the gift of



1. Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
2. long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise; grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
3. self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
4. thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



1. for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
2. for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
3. lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
4. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

*The Officiant continues*

(BCP Page 132)

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. *For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. *Hide us under the shadow of your wings.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Pages 132-133)

*Officiant and People*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,*

*hallowed be thy Name,*

*thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those*

*who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*Officiant:* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People:* *And let our cry come to you.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day: Edward Demby & Henry Delany**

*The Officiant says*

Loving God, we thank you for the ministries of Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany, bishops of your Church who, though limited by segregation, served faithfully to your honor and glory. Assist us, we pray, to break through the limitations of our time, that we may minister in obedience to Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Collect For Second Sunday of Easter**

*(BCP Page 224)*

*The Officiant says*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Collect for those who suffer for the sake of Conscience**

*(BCP Page 823)*

*The Officiant says*

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. *Amen.*



*A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.*

**A Collect at the Prayers**

*(BCP Page 394)*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All*

*(BCP Page 134)*

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;*

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Officiant*      *Let us bless the Lord.*

*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*



